

**REPORT  
OF THE  
AGRICULTURAL MATTERS  
EVALUATION COMMITTEE**



**Indiana Legislative Services Agency  
200 W. Washington St., Suite 301  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789**

**November, 1998**

# **Agricultural Matters Evaluation Committee**

## **Membership Roster**

### **Senators**

David Ford, Chair  
Hartford City

Johnny Nugent  
Lawrenceburg

Katie Wolf  
Monticello

Richard Young, Jr.  
Milltown

### **Representatives**

Robert Bischoff  
Lawrenceburg

John Frenz  
Vincennes

William Friend  
Macy

Richard Mangus  
Lakeville

## **Legislative Services Agency Staff**

Al Gossard  
Fiscal Analyst for the Committee

Steve Wenning  
Attorney for the Committee

A copy of this report is available on the Internet. Reports, minutes, and notices are organized by committee. This report and other documents for this Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.state.in.us/legislative/>.

## **I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE**

This Committee was to study issues related to agriculture with special attention to the following: (1) Drainage with particular attention to be paid to the issue of county control over dredged ditches until the ditch empties into a stream; (2) Cooperative Extension Service with particular attention paid to the possibility of expanding services provided to areas such as medical planning and child care; and (3) Indiana Heritage Trust Program with particular attention paid to the impact on local government and the issue of maintenance of purchased property.

## **II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM**

The Committee met four times during the 1998 interim: June 23 (State House); July 28 (Joel Houk Farm); August 18 (State Fair Grounds); and October 13 (State House).

The evaluation reports and meeting minutes can be accessed from the General Assembly internet site at:

<http://www.state.in.us/legislative/interim/committees/amec.html>

## **III. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee voted to recommend to the General Assembly that an additional \$2.8 million be appropriated to Purdue University for county extension educators and \$400,000 for agricultural research and extension for FY2000.